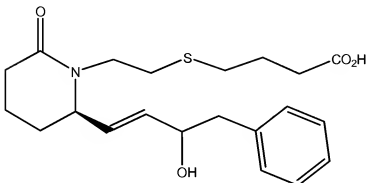


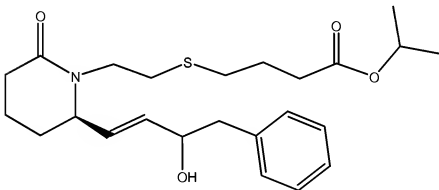
Claims 1-2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 2 comprising



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester ~~prodrug~~ thereof.

Claim 4 (Original) The compound of claim 3 consisting of



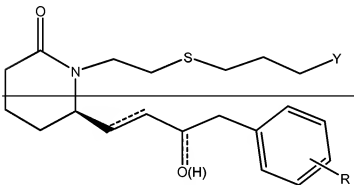
Claims 5-6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 comprising 4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or 4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or an ester ~~prodrug~~ thereof.

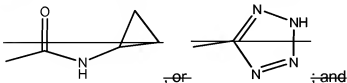
Claim 8 (Original) The compound of claim 1 consisting of

4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid methyl ester, or
4-{2-[(R)-2-((E)-3-Hydroxy-4-phenyl-but-1-enyl)-6-oxo-piperidin-1-yl]-ethylsulfanyl}-butyric acid.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A method comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of claim 3 to a mammal, said method being effective in treating glaucoma, or preventing glaucoma in individuals with ocular hypertension, or treating intraocular hypertension, wherein said compound comprises



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a prodrug thereof,
wherein a dashed line indicates the presence or absence of a bond, and an (H) represents a hydrogen atom which is present if required by said bond;
Y is selected from the group consisting of CO_2H , CONMe_{27} , CONHMe , CONHt , $\text{CON}(\text{OCH}_3)\text{CH}_3$, CONH_{27} , $\text{CON}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})_{27}$, $\text{CONH}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH})$, CH_2OH , $\text{P}(\text{O})(\text{OH})_{27}$, $\text{CONHSO}_2\text{CH}_3$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NH}_{27}$, $\text{SO}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_{27}$, $\text{SO}_2\text{NH}(\text{CH}_3)_{27}$,



R is selected from the group consisting of C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, halogen, CO_2H , OH , COH , COCH_3 , COCF_3 , NO_{27} , CN , and CF_3 .

Claim 10 (Cancelled)